

Board of Selectmen

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Town Hall Mayflower Room, *6:30 PM*

1. 6:30 p.m. Executive Session

The Selectmen will hold an Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 Chapter 3, to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, as an open meeting on this matter may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the body. Following executive session, the Board will reconvene in open session.

2. 7:00 p.m. Call to Order

Chairman Tavares returned to open session at 7:07 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Kenneth A Tavares, Chairman
Anthony F. Provenzano Jr., Vice Chairman
John T. Mahoney, Jr.
Sean Page

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager

3. 7:05 p.m. Town Manager's Report

Ms. Arrighi noted that we have a boy scout in the audience Ryan McGonagle who is attending the meeting to earn his Citizenship in the Community Badge.

The Plymouth Growth and Development Corporation has leased additional public parking on Howland St. Mr. Price has informed the Town that this will open up 50 parking spots but parking permit will still needed. This will be a year lease for now.

The new Town website will be up and running on March 20, 2015. Report a pothole will be available for citizens to alert DPW of potholes. There will also be an area for general comments to Public Works.

The Building Maintenance report is available to be presented to the Selectmen and will be broken up into 3 meetings as it is quite lengthy with 36 buildings to report on.

Due to repeated reductions in the Town's annual CDBG Entitlement Fund awards, the Community Development office can no longer provide free graffiti removal to local private property owners. The Town does have a Graffiti Bylaw in place that allows for fines to be levied against property owners who do not comply with the removal. The Town is working to address graffiti removal with the property owner rather than moving directly to the fine.

4. 7:10 p.m. Public Comment

Mr. Lyden from Precinct 12 takes the podium to thank DPW on the efforts for snow removal. Compared to other communities, Plymouth has done an exceptional job handling the snow removal.

Chairman Tavares gave a shout out to the staff at Beth Israel Hospital as they have provided great customer service and have delivered exceptional health care.

Betty Cavaco from Friends of Manomet Youth Center took the podium to inform us the Youth Center is raffling off a new Jeep Patriot donated to the group by Best Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram. Tickets are \$50.00 and 2,000 tickets will be available for purchase.

5. 7:15 p.m. 2015 Special Town Meeting Articles

6. Article 2 - Budget Amendments

A motion to Approve was made by Anthony Provenzano, Jr. and seconded by Sean Page, Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares.

Finance Director Lynne Barrett took the podium to discuss several Special Town Meeting Articles.

Ms. Barrett stated that due to the extreme weather conditions the Town has experienced this winter the Fire Department anticipates a fiscal year 2015 budget shortfall in two areas:

Vehicle Maintenance Supplies was funded at \$80,000.00 for the year and currently has less than \$7,000.00 available and there are still some outstanding invoices to paid.

The Overtime Account was funded at \$690,446.00 for the year and an additional \$60,000.00 was added at Fall Annual Town Meeting (Article 2A). Currently the account has \$152,186.25 in available funds. Due to the additional staffing required to manage the multiple snow storms and extreme weather, an additional amount of \$110,000.00 will be needed to complete fiscal year 2015. There appears to be some funding available in salaries to make up some of the deficit.

Budget amendment of \$935,000.

Ms. Arrighi stated that Chief Bradley has done a great job with his overtime budget.

Ms. Barrett stated that on average the recap has been over a million dollars, in this particular year it would be 3 times that much. Which is why the recommendation to use \$700,000 at the moment. There is a chance to get reimbursed for the 3 storms that the Town has encountered.

Chairman Tavares stated his concern regarding the snow bill and would like this monitored.

Selectman Mahoney stated that we continuously underestimate how much the snow removal will cost. Ms. Barrett responded saying that we have raised the bar over the last 5 years but for

the most part we've been over \$500,000.00 budget. A budget of over \$700,000.00 would be more realistic.

7. Article 3 - Unpaid Bills of a Prior Fiscal Year

A motion to Approve was made by Sean Page and seconded by Anthony Provenzano, Jr.,

Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares.

Ms. Barrett discussed the unpaid bills for fiscal year 2015. Three departments originally submitted. School Department has withdrawn there item; Water Department: \$2,201.81; Two Electric bills from Integris; Community Preservation Committee \$145.00.

The recommendation is that these bills be paid prior to the ending of this fiscal year. Total \$2,346.81.00

8. Article 4 - Library Carpet Project

A motion to Approve was made by Sean Page and seconded by John Mahoney,

Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares.

Dinnah took the podium to discuss the carpet in the main Library.

At the Annual Town Meeting in April 2013, an appropriation of \$140,000.00 was made to finance the replacement of all carpeting at the Plymouth Public Library Main Branch. Now that the project has moved forward, the original appropriation was insufficient by \$45, 821.00 to complete the project.

The carpet is being purchased for \$90,000.00 from the State Bid List leaving \$50,000 for installation. The lowest bidder, Capital Carpet and Flooring specialists have bid \$95,821 resulting in an \$45,821.00 needed to complete the project.

Selectman Provenzano asked if the vendor that gave the estimate make any bid. Dinnah answered that they did not and they are going with the lowest bid of Capital Carpet.

9. Article 5 - Establish Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for Sewer Betterment Debt Projects

Article 5 has been withdrawn from the Special Town Meeting Articles. No motion, no action.

10. Article 6 - Wind Turbine PILOT Agreement

A motion to Approve was made by Anthony Provenzano, Jr. and seconded by John Mahoney,

Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares.

Ms. Barrett discussed entering a PILOT Agreement with Future Wind LLC for a Wind Generating Facility. The facility to be built on three privately owned parcels off of Head of the Bay Road in South Plymouth and would include the 8.0 MW/AC Wind Turbine Generating Facility with 4 wind turbines total.

The negotiated amount using the PILOT agreement puts the rate at \$14,000 per MW/AC for 20 years and will include an escalator of 2.5%. This agreement will be just for the personal property; the land will be taxed separately.

Selectman Mahoney stated that the projected revenue stream of \$2.86 million dollars over 20 years should not go in to the operating budget and he hopes it produces something tangible rather than having it disappear in the operating budget.

Selectman Provenzano states the revenue stream in question would not commence until these towers were built.

Selectman Page. questions why only there is no number two turbine out of four turbines that are being built. Ms. Barrett responds stating originally five turbines were proposed and renumbering them later would have caused confusion.

11. Article 7 - Local Acceptance of Chapter 32, Section 20 (4) (h) Treasurer Stipend

A motion to Approve was made by John Mahoney and seconded by Anthony Provenzano, Jr., Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares.

Ms. Barrett discussed the local acceptance of Chapter 32, Section 20 (4) (h) Treasurer Stipend which the Plymouth Retirement Board voted in acceptance on March 21, 2014. This would allow the Town to increase the Treasurer Stipend for the Custodian of the funds for the Plymouth Retirement System from \$1,500.00 annually to \$3,000.00 annually. This is the second time this has come to vote. The article that was in the packet, states that the role the Treasurer plays in the retirement board is very important to avoid fraud. The Town of Plymouth has certain safe guards in place.

Selectman Provenzano clarifies that this is just regarding compensation for a duty that the treasurer is already performing. Ms. Barrett answers yes.

Chairman Tavares responds that the \$3,000 paid to the treasurer yearly is a very low cost to ensure the checks and balances of the retirement account.

12. Article 10 - Exemption of Incorporated Veterans Organizations

A motion to Approve was made by Anthony Provenzano, Jr. and seconded by Sean Page, Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares.

Ms. Barrett discussed increasing the exemption amount up to highest amount of \$1,500,000.00 for the organization of veterans exempt from local property taxes. The two organizations in the Town of Plymouth are American Legion Post #40 and the Plymouth Memorial Post #1822 (VFW). This is not lost revenue as they have been exempt for a long time.

Selectman Provenzano asks that if this Article is adopted could it possibly bring some revenue in? Ms. Barrett answers yes.

13. Article 12 - Purchase land off Old Sandwich Rd, Map 51 Lots 5 & 6

A motion to Approve was made by Sean Page and seconded by John Mahoney, Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares.

Chairman Tavares took the meeting out of order and will hear Article 12 last.

Mr. Keohan takes the podium to give his presentation to discuss the acquisition of 88 acres, Hio Hill property for the purposes of passive recreational use and the protection of priority habitats of rare species. Acquisition of this property will enhance the conservation corridor along Old Sandwich Road from Ellisville Harbor to Myles Standish State Park and protect the water supply. The property abuts four hundred acres of existing conservation land purchased with Community Preservation Committee Fund.

Mr. Lydan from Precinct 12 asks if this will be town funds or Community Preservation Committee funds and how much will it cost?

Mr. Keohan answers the acquisition is \$705,000 and comes from Community Preservation Committee funds.

Mr. Malagutti from Precinct 1 takes the podium and asks if there is planning for the proposed trail network system? Is there actually planning of adding a trail network connecting all of these parcels.

Mr. Keohan answers stating that the CPC has strategic acquisitions in order to begin with the network of trails. The acquisition of these parcels puts into perspective where the trails will go. The CPC will be pursuing grants to make this possible.

14. 7:30 p.m. Presentation on Water Street Promenade

A motion to Approve was made by Anthony Provenzano, Jr. and seconded by Sean Page, Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares.

Mr. Beder took the podium to give a presentation on the Water Street Promenade. He first addresses the pothole issues stating that they will start concentrating on them within the next few weeks.

Mr. Beder began his presentation stating that the construction on Water Street Promenade would impact positive change on the Town. Since July of last year, they have been working to get to this milestone for this beautification project. Complexities such as permits and funding have been an issue; no funding is currently available. Once funding is obtained they need to be ready to put shovels in the ground to begin construction.

Mr. Beder acknowledges Precinct 3 on the work they have done for the project as he begins the presentation. Several outreach meetings have taken place regarding this project.

Mr. Beder turns the podium over to Tony Lienetter. Mr. Lienetter thanks the Board for hearing the proposal. He states they are calling this a hard/soft project. Hard -Setting the context for the promenade. The intention is that tourists will be able to spend a great deal of time down at the water front and the reconstruction of the promenade would bring in revenue for the businesses on the water front.

Eric Gally takes the podium. He begins by giving a brief list of his qualifications: landscape architect and planner. Prior to coming to Beta Group he worked for 14 years in Rhode Island. He specializes in working with Towns that have neglected water front areas and want to revamp them. His presentation begins by giving us an idea of how the reinvention of our water front would bring in tourism and revenue. The vision plan he describes is one where visitors who come to see the Plymouth Rock will venture further down due to the beautification of the promenade. There isn't currently a lot of development in the promenade area; the intent is to strengthen the connection.

The concept plan from Sandwich Street to Pilgrim Memorial State Park; widening the side walk, ornamental lighting, expand the interpretation of the pavilion. The concept plan for pilgrim memorial

The existing conditions are not conducive for the traffic of people walking, biking, and gathering for events. The conceptual street section for promenade north would require side walk widening and losing parking from 120 stalls to 90 stalls.

From a budget perspective Mr. Gally states that they are in the ball park of 12 to 15 million dollars for the Water Street Promenade renovation.

Mr. Beder takes the podium again to address the next steps of the process: follow up with Regulatory Agencies, resubmit MassWorks Grant September 2015, seek funding outside of Plymouth, and develop future partnerships.

Selectman Page asks Mr. Beder if there would be any way to not reduce the parking from 120 to 90. Mr. Beder answers that this is just a concept design but they will be looking at ways to not lose parking.

Selectman Mahoney addresses Mr. Beder and states that the Town doesn't want to lose any historic value down at the water front. He wants to know if the budget is accurate with inflation.

Mr. Beder answers that the estimate of 12 to 15 million was estimated for construction starting in summer 2016. Regardless if anything is done with this project, things still need to be updated such as the pavement and sidewalks. Half the costs associated are with the board walk and aesthetic improvements.

Selectman Mahoney states that he will support the MassWorks application being put forth in September 2015 and there should be no other competing proposals for the grant, only the Town of Plymouth.

Mr. Beder states that he hopes to get a minimum of 5 million dollars in a grant from the Massworks program. They will resubmit and hope for the best.

Selectman Mahoney asks what the the drop dead date for the project will be. Mr Beder answers that the goal is Fall of 2018 but a more realistic number is Fall of 2019 as to not disrupt the business owners during the summers. Two construction seasons are a realistic time frame.

On a question from Selectman Mahoney regarding the parking issues, Mr. Beder states that he hopes to obtain additional parking.

Selectman Provenzano asks about the integration of the sewer and if they would be better off with a pier or fill.

Mr. Beder refers to the presentation showing the sewer line broken down into segments and because they have no man holes at certain locations they would have to be re-engineered.

Selectman Page asks whether a budget has been put in for crews to work at night versus the day to not disturb business owners. Mr. Beder states that expanding work schedules is an option and they are looking into it further.

Leighton Price takes the podium to comment that one of the points of the Promenade is to get people to walk. Many of the visitors are coming to walk and not necessarily park right next to the place they want to see.

Mr. Barbarry from Precinct 3 takes the podium and suggests that they should look at implementing diagonal parking spaces instead of parallel.

Mr. Malaguti from Precinct 1 took the podium with some questions: If the regulatory agency's do not allow a fill in of the seawall and request a pier/boardwalk style would be better suited for this project is the Town ensuring that adequate drainage and avoiding erosion? Have we done any diagnostics on any of the models regarding increased maintenance costs for delayed maintenance showing what the increase will be for all 3 scenarios in order to budget accordingly.

Mr. Beder answers Mr. Malaguti by stating that the Beta Group has been working with Bourne Construction and one thing they have looked at is future resiliency; how to avoid flooding and provide drainage. They have analyzed the costs and will come back to the Board with these answers.

Mr. Kimble from the Steering committee takes the podium and addresses the Board stating that from a conceptual standpoint he thinks the project is fine but where is the money going to come from? A new high school has just been built and he wants to ensure that the Town is being realistic with there money. Funding and money are the main components of the project.

Ms. Arrighi responds by saying that in the past they have been very aggressive about getting grants to complete these types of projects, it is not the Town's intention to put this on tax roll. Massworks grant is the place to get this project funded and that will be the only way to see the Water Street Promenade project happen

Chairman Tavares agrees with Ms. Arrighi that the state grant could be a major push forward for this project. He states that the Board realizes that there will be changes to the plan itself and they will vote on the conceptual plan of Water Street Promenade.

Ms. Arrighi reads the motion to vote: If the Board will vote to support the conceptual plan for the Water Street Promenade as presented this evening to endorse staff starting the formal permitting process associated with this design and to list this as a top priority for both the Massworks grant submitting that as our only priority as well as other funding that may be available.

15. 7:45 p.m. Licenses and Administrative Notes

16. Licenses

17. One Day All Alcohol Liquor License - Plymouth Guild Inc. 4/12/15

A motion to Approve was made by Anthony Provenzano, Jr. and seconded by Sean Page,
Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares.

18. Pole Petition - NSTAR/Verizon Petition 2011024

A motion to Approve was made by Sean Page and seconded by Anthony Provenzano, Jr.,
Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares.

19. Administrative Notes

20. Execute License Agreement with of Horsefeathers Realty Trust for footbridge over Eel River

A motion to Approve was made by Anthony Provenzano, Jr. and seconded by John Mahoney,
Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares.

21. Samoset Street Sewer Extension - Sewer Liens

A motion to Approve was made by John Mahoney and seconded by Anthony Provenzano, Jr.,
Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares.

22. Execute the warrants for 2015 Spring Annual and Special Town Meeting

A motion to Approve was made by John Mahoney and seconded by Sean Page,
Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares.

**23. 7:50 Committee Liaison/ Designee Updates
p.m.**

Chairman Tavares added that they did meet with Entergy last week and negotiations are in order.

Michelle Pecoraro comes to the podium to discuss the meeting about the 400th anniversary.
www.plymouthma400.org. The forum is bringing together communities across Massachusetts that
are turning 400 over the next 10 years.

Chairman Tavares states that he attended a dinner in honor of the National Commander of the
VFW in Plymouth. Chairman Tavares presented him with a 400th pin for the exceptional work he's
done with Veterans.

**24. 8:00 Old Business/Letters/New Business
p.m.**

On a motion by Selectman Provenzano seconded by Selectman Page, the Board voted to
adjourn its meeting at approximately 8:40 p.m. Voted 4-0 approved.

Recorded by Annikka Bernabe, Administrative Assistant to Board of Selectmen

A copy of March 10, 2015 meeting packet is on file and available for public review in the
Board of Selectmen's office.